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Dr. Andrea Labik, Sc. D., Director
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Bureau of Public Health
WV Department of Health & Human Resources
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South Charleston, WV 25303

Dear Dr. Labik:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III (EPA) has completed the certification status report for your facility as required by the Drinking Water Laboratory Certification Program. The procedure used to prepare the report is described in the Standard Operation Procedures (SOP) document, Region III Protocols for the use of Water Supply Proficiency Testing Samples and On-site Laboratory Assessments in the Drinking Water Laboratory Certification Program (R3-QA801.2).

Enclosed is the overall certification status report/certificate for your facility. Two elements constitute a laboratory's certification status: Proficiency Testing (PT) Sample Performance and the On-Site Laboratory Evaluation. As cited in the EPA Drinking Water Laboratory Certification Manual, laboratories are certified parameter-by-parameter and method-by-method on an annual basis. The current certification period is January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. The enclosed status report/certificate shows each parameter and its method(s) of analysis for which your laboratory requested certification. Also shown are the most recent on-site laboratory review findings for each parameter/method.

Only PT data for 2008 have been included in this report. Certification status reports are based on a laboratory completing its annual PT studies by September 30th which enables the certificate to be completed by December 31st as described in the SOP. Your staff should be encouraged to complete the 2009 PT sample studies during the first quarter of the calendar year and repeat any analyses that are unacceptable, in make-up studies, as soon as possible in the second quarter.

Please be reminded that for any parameter shown as "not certified" (NC) in the OVERALL CERTIFICATION column, compliance testing for that parameter must be contracted

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out to a certified drinking water laboratory. Therefore, any deficiencies that impact your laboratory's certification status should be corrected as soon as possible. An unsigned electronic copy of this report is available upon request.

In addition, please forward copies of current NELAP certificates for any commercial laboratories used by your laboratory for compliance SDWA analyses to Joe Slayton (Environmental Science Center, 701 Mapes Road, Fort Meade, Maryland 20755-5350). Also, through the upcoming year, as these commercial laboratory certificates expire or are updated, please forward these updated certificates to our Ft. Meade Office.

I thank you and your staff for your help, professionalism and commitment for continuous improvement. Should you have any questions regarding this report, please contact my office or have your staff contact Charles Jones, Jr., Regional Quality Assurance Officer at (215) 814-2734.

Sincerely,

John R. Pomponio, Director
Environmental Assessment and Innovation Division
Water Supply Laboratory Certification Authority

Enclosure

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